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REMARKS

The Examiner, Mr. Phan, is thanked for the courtesy extended applicants' representatives during the interview conducted on this date in connection with the above-identified application. As noted in the interview summary, the effective filing date of the present application is February 03, 1994, while the Hibino et al reference utilized in the rejection has a U.S. filing date of October 31, 1994, which is overcome by the application date. Thus, the rejection utilizing such reference will be withdrawn and an updated search will be conducted. It is noted that submitted herewith are amended claims corresponding to those discussed with the Examiner at the interview and additional claims based upon the Examiner's suggestion.

The indicated allowance of claim 9 is acknowledged.

By the above amendment, Claims 18, 20, 22 and 24 have been amended in a manner which is considered to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, noting that other claims have been amended to clarify features thereof. Additionally, new dependent claims 27-42 have been presented, which define the feature of the first and second identification information as including an identification number as well as the feature of bi-directional communication, as suggested by the Examiner at the interview. Furthermore, additional new claims 47-62 have

been presented, further defining features of the present invention, wherein claims 47-53 more particularly recite the feature that the display unit information includes an identification number for uniquely identifying the display unit and that a communication controller enables the bi-directional communication and claims 54-62 more particularly recite the feature of a processor and a communication controller enabling bi-directional communication and the interaction thereof.

As to the rejection of claims 1-8 and 10-26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sawdon (U.S. No. 5,276,458) in view of Hibino et al (U.S. No. 5,549,231), this rejection is traversed, and reconsideration and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Applicants note that as pointed out at the interview, the present application as indicated in the cross-reference to related application is a continuation application of a number of prior applications, the earliest of which is U.S. application Serial No. 08/190,848, having a U.S. filing date of February 3, 1994, to which the present application is entitled to the benefit in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §120. Applicants note that the rejection of claims 1-8 and 10-26 under 35 U.S.C. §103 in the Office Action of March 16, 2000, is based upon the combination of Sawdon (U.S. Patent No. 5,276,458) in view of Hibino et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,599,231). As recognized by the Examiner, Sawdon fails to

disclose the claimed invention and therefore, the Examiner refers to Hibino et al in an attempt to overcome the recognized deficiencies of Sawdon. However, Hibino et al has a U.S. filing date of October 31, 1994, which is subsequent to the U.S. filing date of February 3, 1994 to which the present application is entitled, such that Hibino et al cannot be properly utilized in the rejection as set forth under 35 U.S.C. §103, and the rejection necessarily falls. As indicated by the Examiner at the interview, the "Rejection will be withdrawn" and applicants submit that the rejected claims 1-8 and 10-26 should now be in condition for allowance.

With respect to Sawdon, the Examiner recognizes that Sawdon fails to disclose the claimed features as set forth in the independent and dependent claims of this application, while contending that Sawdon discloses in col. 3, lines 45-60, the utilization of identification codes for the display system. As described, such identification codes or identification information does not represent an identification number as, for example, recited in independent claims 21, 23 and 25 and the dependent claims thereof, as well as recited in the newly presented independent and dependent claims 27-53, noting that the Examiner has recognized that Sawdon has other deficiencies. As discussed at the interview, claims 54-62 generally corresponding to claims 41-49 of the proposed amendment submitted to the Examiner prior to the interview, recite the features of bi-directional communication

and a process and it is not apparent that such features as claimed are disclosed in the cited art.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants submit that all claims present in this application should now be in condition for allowance and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (520.32696CX3) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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